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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I strongly urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to facilitate a solution that allows both GPS and 4G-LTE services to co-exist. This path forward is allows both to win and will force both sides to work together for a solution instead of creating a "winner takes all" paradigm in which American lose.

Allow me to explain.

For years the American Economic Association has been warning us that America is losing its competitive advantage around the world. I served in the Air Force so a began seeing signs of this some years ago. That said, I worry for America as the global economic leader of our time.

LightSquared, which plans to offer the world's first integrated satellite-terrestrial network, is the type of innovative company that will help America keep and retain our place atop the technology markets and give our economy a much needed boost in the process. By offering 4G-LTE access wholesale, LightSquared will also be liberating a once confined wireless broadband market. Anyone who understand free market principles will surely see this as great news and a sign of things to come for the US markets.

LightSquared stands ready to create almost 15,000 jobs each year until the national network is constructed. I am to understand that represents \$14 billion into America's economy. That in of itself should put the GPS industry on the defensive forcing them to justify halting the American Dream for LightSquared and more jobs, a stronger economy and a return to our economic roots as supporters of entrepreneurial wealth generation.

Here are a few more impressive statistics:

Value to the US economy: \$12 billion Consumer benefit: \$120 billion

I've retired from flying planes for a living but I'm smart enough to see that the value to allowing LightSquared's 4G-LTE network take off would is far greater than the devastating impact to our economy if they aren't.

Congress and the Administration agreed that Broadband grants are a smart, common sense economic boost to America. I think it's worth listening when those two offices actually agree with each other and the economic benefit to this country will be more than \$7 billion while creating jobs and allowing our slow-to-recover investment markets to get moving again.

America can't wait for this and others in the private sector to start making us great again. Our Founding Fathers would be ashamed of us today if they were to learn that the US Government did not give a private company a chance to create wealth and opportunity because the GPS industry had a strong lobbying campaign.

I'm not anti GPS at all but I am 100% pro American job growth and I support a free market system under a few constraints. That's why I believe the FCC should let the private industries do what private industry has to do well to survive: problem-solve.

Americans of all regions, backgrounds and economic class will benefit from both LightSquared's unique service and GPS working to be successful. But if the GPS industry is permitted to squash LightSquared's efforts then this will surely be a sad day for the America I Served as an Air Force Pilot.

Sincerely,

Richard Adams